

Principal's Corner

Dear Taku Families,

I hope this finds you well. Great things are happening at Taku Elementary.



- **Strive for 8:45 Drop Off.** Thank you for being on time.
- **Weekly Attendance Winners!** Every Monday we announce our weekly attendance winners. Students who are in school every day on time for the week before are entered to win a fun prize. Congratulations to our winners from the past month: Harmonie, Zenon, Isabella R., Mason, Karsyn, Vera, Rovic, Madison S., Noah B., Malakai, Raymond, Izzy, Brylee, Adalyn, Toni, Shelby, Daelynn, Tino, Itzel, Arsal, Dalton, Javier, Angel, Paul, Alayra, Averie, Gabriel, Emma, Ellie, Lucian, Sadiyas and Peyton.
- **Taku Title 1 Goals**
 - **Goal #1: Improve attendance and reduce the number of students with chronic absences**
 - **Goal #2: Improve on time arrival and reduce the number of late arrivals**
 - **Goal #3: Increase reading proficiency by 5% at all grade levels.**
 - **Goal #4: 70% of all students will feel that others care about them or feel there is a positive peer climate at school. This is measured by the school climate survey in February.**
- **Taku Title 1 Compact.** As a Title 1 school that receives federal funding, we develop and review our compact every year. Please review the responsibilities outlined on the following page.
- **Online Registration for the 2022-23 school year for returning students is now open!** [Register students here](#). See the newsletter for more information.

Do you know your student's grades? Is your student missing work? Parents can check their student's grades and work at any time using Q Parent Connect.

Login into [Q Parent Connect](#)

- [Reset your parent password](#) - use this link to reset your password if needed.

If you need assistance, please call the office and we can help you get access.

I am proud to serve our Taku community. Please call or email anytime if you have questions, concerns, or celebrations. Have a wonderful summer!

All the best,

Chris Opitz, Principal

Taku Title 1 Compact

Please review our Title 1 Compact below. As a title one school that receives federal funding, we develop and review our compact every year.

Parents, please read the responsibilities outlined below for Parents & Guardians, Students, and Teachers. Please share any feedback by emailing Mr. Opitz at opitz_chris@asdk12.org.



Taku Elementary Title 1 Compact

As a PARENT, I will be responsible for...

- Seeing that my child attends school regularly and on time.
- Providing a home environment that encourages my child to learn.
- Actively participating in the parent meetings and parent education programs
- Working closely with classroom teachers to help my child be successful
- Providing a regular time at home for working with my child on school related activities
- Helping my child to meet his or her responsibilities
- Providing a positive and welcoming school climate

As a student, I will be responsible for...

- Attending school regularly
- Coming to class on time and being prepared for work.
- Actively participating in all aspects of my education
- Respecting the rights of others to learn without distraction or disruption
- Showing respect and cooperating with all adults in the school
- Completing all assignments to the best of my ability
- Spending time at home daily studying or reading

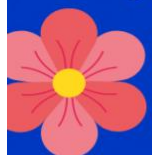
As a TEACHER, I will be responsible for...

- Coming to class prepared to teach
- Helping each student reach his/her full potential
- Providing an environment conducive to learning
- Modeling and teaching social skills to be successful in life.
- Maintaining ongoing communications through Class Dojo/Remind, progress reports, classroom/school newsletters, and parent meetings.

Taku Specialist News

May 2022

Library



Check out the Summer Discovery program at Anchorage Public Library! You can sign up as early as May 14th, from 12 - 4 pm, at the Loussac Library. Receive a free book when you register, and another when you finish. Attend free weekly programs. Keep track of your reading and learning activities to win prizes.

Happy Summer Reading!

Ms. Johnson

Music
Hello Taku families! The school year is winding down but we continue to make music. K-5 students have been learning about the instruments of the orchestra. Ms. M



PE



BIKE TO SCHOOL DAY is
Wednesday, MAY 4th!

- Wear your helmet and Bike to school!
- Check in at the table by the flagpole.

Gym Shoes:

- Reminder: your student needs a clean, non-marking pair of gym shoes to leave at school for PE class.

Thank you, Mrs. Washington



Art

Our art program has been a huge success this year. I am so grateful for all of the imagination, thought, perseverance, creativity and hard work our students brought to the art room this year.

Thank you!!!

Ms. Feucht

Health

In Health class, we are discussing drugs, alcohol, and smoking and how to avoid these dangerous, addictive habits by making smart, healthy decisions.

Be safe, Be kind!

Katrina Rhodes



BIKE TO SCHOOL DAY!

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4, 2022

WEAR YOUR HELMET AND BIKE TO SCHOOL!

(CHECK IN AT THE TABLE BY THE FLAGPOLE)

PLEASE BE SAFE WHILE RIDING!



LET'S TEAM UP FOR CLEANUP!

Super Sweeper Saturday, May 7th

Taku Elementary School
Festivities begin at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, May 7th
Come dressed appropriately for outdoor cleanup.
We'll provide the trash bags and non-latex gloves.
Win a \$50 Fred Meyer Card & Prizes



Contact Casey Chatwell at 742-5940 for more information.



Volunteers Needed!



Taku is proud to host the Girls on the Run celebratory 5k this year! It will be held on **May 14th**, with the race starting and ending at the school. We are looking for volunteers to help out on race day. Below are links to sign up if you are interested! Please call Nurse Beckett at 742-5948 if you have any questions. Thank you!

Volunteer Link:

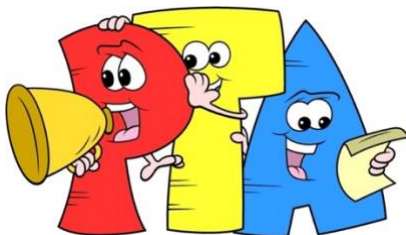
<https://www.pinwheel.us/volunteer/index/E2O4PF7MCM676K2>

Community Runner:

<https://www.pinwheel.us/register/index/SpringAKrun>

Running Buddy:

<https://www.pinwheel.us/register/index/SpringAKbuddy>



Taku PTA Needs YOU for School

Year 2022-2023!!!!

Here's how you can help. We need:

- Parent voices to guide our decisions on how best to serve our students' educational goals.
- Someone to serve in the vital role of Vice President on our PTA Board.
- A coordinator for Taku's Yearbook and Picture Days, if we hope to continue offering these events.
- Volunteers to help with Fundraising activities we have planned.
- A Jog-a-Thon coordinator.

In order to continue offering all the financial and educational support our PTA provides to Taku, it is critical that we secure participation from our parents, families, staff, and community. Without this participation, our PTA, and all the benefits Taku PTA provides our students, families, and staff, may cease to exist. Please come to our last PTA meeting of this school year and get involved.

PTA Meeting will be on 5/10 at 5: 30 p.m. in the Library



Registration Information for 2022-2023

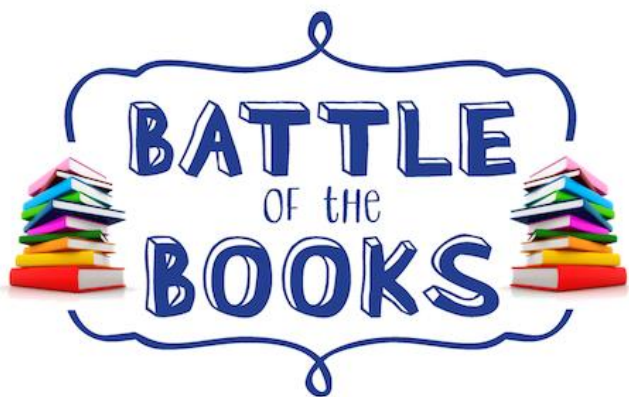
*Online registration for is now open for **returning students!** Register students here: [Returning Student Registration](#)

Pre-Enrollment for New-to-District students will open on **7/15/22**. Click here for more information: [Pre-Enrollment](#)

****Returning students** who register by **May 16th** will be entered in a drawing to win a backpack full of school supplies, treats, and all things fun!



The end of the school year is rapidly approaching! If your child takes or has medication at school, it will need to be picked up by **Friday May 20th**. Any medication left behind must be destroyed per ASD policy. Please call the nurse if you have any questions at 742-5948. Thank you!



Want some book ideas for summer reading? Click on the link below to see the 2022-23 tentative Battle of the Books reading list.

[Battle of the Books Reading List](#)



May 2022

5/4 – Bike to School Day
5/7 – Super Sweeper Clean Up Day 10:00 am at Taku
5/9 - 5/13 – Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week
5/10 – PTA meeting 5:30 pm Library
5/11 – School Nurse Appreciation Day
5/14 – Girls on the Run 5k Celebration
5/19 – Classes end. Have a great summer!

August 2022

8/18 – Classes begin (1st-6th)
8/25 – Classes begin (Preschool/Kindergarten)

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Our amazing tigers get rewarded for doing great things!

